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Transmittal of Formal Drawings Prior to Notice of Allowance

Enclosed on the accompanying CD-ROM are 67 sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1-67. Please replace the previously filed formal drawings with the enclosed formal drawings.

In an "Amendment Accompanying RCE" electronically filed on February 19, 2007, Applicants explained why the formal drawings were submitted on the CD-ROM, instead of in paper form or by electronic submission. See pages 9-10 of the "Amendment Accompanying RCE," repeated below for convenience.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings submitted on August 16, 2007 as being fuzzy. Applicants compared the original PDF of the application drawings that were uploaded to USPTO with the drawings that appear on the USPTO's PAIR Image File Wrapper (IFW) and observed that the IFW drawings are significantly degraded in quality compared to the original PDF drawings. The original PDF drawings are legible, whereas many of the IFW drawings are not legible. The quality degradation may have been a result of the uploading and/or transmission process. While Applicants are mindful that requirements for corrected drawings will not be held

in abeyance, to avoid the large expense of preparing a new set of drawings, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner attempt to directly load the original PDF of the application drawings into the USPTO's IFW to determine if a set of drawings of sufficient quality can be obtained. To facilitate this request, a CD-ROM containing the original PDF of the application drawings that were uploaded to USPTO has been filed by mail in the USPTO concurrently with this response. See the accompanying "Communication Regarding Formal Drawings." A courtesy copy of the Communication was electronically filed with the RCE paperwork.

Furthermore, the current drawing objection is unclear because it states that the drawings are "all not acceptable," but then lists only certain drawings as being fuzzy. Although Applicants are uncertain as to which drawings were deemed not acceptable, the resubmission of all of the drawings via the CD-ROM for uploading by the USPTO is believed to address the drawing objection.

Respectively submitted,

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